

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held March 27, 2007; meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, Robert Miner, Brian Remy, Jon Ulmschneider, & Carolyn O'Brien. Also in attendance: Fred Cavallaro.

Minutes from last meeting read. R. Miner made motion, seconded by J. Ulmschneider, to accept as submitted; motion unanimously approved.

Correspondence: Individual company correspondence distributed.

Old Business:

„« Firemen's Memorial Sunday ¡V June 10th; breakfast at Sta. 3; church not yet decided. Chief to contact St. Thomas Church, but mass will be in Portuguese.

„« Officer's Test ¡V Everyone who took the test passed.

„« Hose Testing ¡V Testing due again beginning next month.

„« Career Fair ¡V Thursday, April 5th at KMS, 9:00 a.m. Chief wants Eng. 1, Special Hazards, and Rescue to participate. Will need several EMTs; and Nancy Hayes can participate as nurse. There will be an extrication demonstration at 11:30.

„« 2007/2008 Budget ¡V Chief stated fire department members need to show up in force for the May 14th Town Financial Meeting in the

Council chambers; this will probably require the meeting be carried over to May 15th at KMS, due to the number of attendees. We need to vote to require an all-day referendum for the 2.8 million 20-year bond to cover the department's needs.

„« NIMS Training ÿV Chief stated any department member who has not completed 100 & 700 should come into his office to complete them. All police department members have completed both. Neither the highway department nor town hall personnel have taken them.

New Business:

„« Leave of Absence ÿV Allan Farley submitted request for LOA from rescue. His first letter covered April to September 2007; a second request changed it to May to September 2007. Chief recommended allowing May-Sept. F. Cavallaro stated A. Farley yesterday indicated he still wanted to do duty shifts 3 days a week. Following a discussion, R. Miner made motion, seconded by B. Remy, the LOA be approved for May-Sept., and that A. Farley be permitted to participate in duty crews on Sundays only during this period. Motion unanimously passed. Chief reminded everyone that all requests for LOAs, or changes thereof, are to come through his office only.

„« Leave of Absence ÿV John Cummings was sent a letter advising, due to an incident on scene, he was being suspended for 10 days and being removed as a safety officer; his safety gear was to be returned to Kevin Kelleher. J. Cummings instead turned his gear in to a rescue lieutenant, and his key to the Chief. His intent appears to be taking a LOA or resignation. Based on this, N. Blank made a motion,

seconded by R. Miner, to accept this as a resignation since the key was returned; motion unanimously passed.

„« Chief stated he will be drafting policies & procedures for safety officers concerning attendance at auto accidents, and generating all reports. Following a discussion, it was felt they should be at structure fires only.

Training:

„« FF I class started tonight; 20 attendees. Classes will be Tuesday & Thursday nights, with a few Saturdays.

„« The Sewer Department drill has been postponed until sometime in May.

Other:

„« New accident forms received to be used in reporting to the Interlocal and VFIS. All old forms on apparatus are to be removed and destroyed. Anyone needing to complete a form in the future will need to come into the Chief's office.

„« Access boxes are now on Station 5 and the Sewer Plant. Chief suggested having a sign posted on the Sewer Plant door indicating "Fire Alarm Panel" location.

„« J. Ulmschneider asked about a generator for Station 5; Chief stated he is going before the Council for Sta. 5 & 6 generators.

„« R. Miner asked if Chief has looked at a new boat; he has not.

„« New parking lot at Sta. 2 completed.

„« F. Cavallaro distributed BCI forms and books for anyone wanting to take the CDL class. He stated the license will be CDL Class B with

air brakes. A written test will be required, but no road test since the license will be for those already driving fire department apparatus. Cost per person is \$20 for BCI, \$10 for written test, \$10 for air brakes test, and \$50 for license. Chief wants all applications to be brought to him for approval and sign-off.

There being no further business to discuss, R. Miner made motion, seconded by J. Ulmschneider, to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed; meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.